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SUBJECT:REGISTRATION OF VESSELS IN SOMALI

REF: STATE 20851

1. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, GSDR INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAD "PUT AN END TO THE PRACTICE OF REGISTERING FOREIGN SHIPS WHICH HAVE USED SOMALI FLAGS FOR PURPOSES BEYOND GOVERNMENT CONTROL". REFTEL ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO UNDERSTANDING THAT VESSELS IN QUESTION ARE FRENCH-OWNED SHIPS TRADING WITH NORTH VIETNAM.

2. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO FULLY EXPLORE THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE SOMALI DECISION UPON OVERALL INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TRANSPORT, EMBASSY REQUESTED:

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(1) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TERM "FOREIGN SHIPS

BEYOND GOVERNMENT CONTROL" INCLUDES ALL VESSELS NOT OWNED BY SOMALI CITIZENS AND NOW REGISTERED IN SOMALI THUS ELIMINATING SOMALI FROM THE RANKS OF "FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE" STATES;

(2) TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE NATURE OF GSDR INTENTIONS IS TO MAKE SUCH A DECREE RETROACTIVE AS WELL AS APPLICABLE TO FUTURE REGISTRATIONS; AND  
O FUTURE REGISTRATIONS; AND

(3) RECOGNIZING THE EXTENSIVE USE OF THE SOMALI FLAG BY PRC-OWNED VESSELS AND NOTING THAT MANY PRC-OWNED SOMALI-FLAG VESSELS HAVE CALLED AT NVN, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS DECREE IS INTENDED TO DECREASE OR ELIMINATE THAT PRACTICE VIS-A-VIS THE PRC.

3. FYI: AS CAN BE SEEN BY THE LAST QUESTION, THE POLICY COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PRC OR COULD EVEN REFLECT A CHANGE IN PRC POLICY ON USE OF FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 2 THROUGH LOW-PROFILE DISCUSSIONS WITH CONTACTS IN SOMALI "SHIPPING COMMUNITY". END FYI. KISSINGER

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